



## **Fifield Sno Drovers Meeting Minutes**

**Pat Ley – President**

**N14710 Shady Knoll Road, Park Falls, WI 54552**

Below are the Minutes from the **November 13, 2025** meeting

**See you at the Christmas Party on December 11th!**

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley, at 7:02 pm

A Quorum was met with 22 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from the October 2025 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mary Dupke-Bourgeois/2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois. The report covered the period of October 9, 2025 to November 12, 2025 and included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ann Sloane/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

Melissa presented a financial recap of the Kickoff Party. There were 90 members in attendance at the event.

**Membership: 200 (individual, business and landowner memberships)**

### **TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that there had been six trail workdays so far this Fall all of which were well attended. There was also personal equipment used on unscheduled workdays. Lucas Bouchon, brushing contractor, completed his assigned work on the trails. This work would have taken a significant number of hours to complete manually.

A small team worked on a plugged culvert on Trail 101. Water began flowing again following the work, but it has now become plugged again. Pat Ley has made Dave at the USFS aware of this.

Andy Calderwood and others checked over the tractor and prepped it for the winter.

The mini drag owned by the PCSTA has been delivered and will be tried.

Roy asked that you keep him informed in advance of any work you plan to perform on the trails.

The final scheduled workday is November 20<sup>th</sup>. This work will be preparing the barrels and wands for placement on the lakes when the time comes. Meet at the transfer station as usual.

### **GROOMER UPDATE**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, confirmed that the groomer schedules are done. Mike has two individuals interested in training as groomer operators – Cody Pearce and Mark Fischer potentially bringing the groomer number to 17.

The groomer refresher will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

### **COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)**

Pat Ley, President, shared information regarding how the Wisconsin DNR, Price County and the Price County Snowmobile Trails Association (PCSTA) calculate and disperse both grooming and non-grooming funds to the Sno Drovers. Pat also introduced Troy Larson, President of the PCSTA, Jim Walcisak, AWSC Director for Price County and Frank Dusek who also serves on the PCSTA Board.

Troy attended our meeting this month to speak about the PCSTA funding issue. Troy offered background on the PCSTA and how they function as an association which is unique to other Wisconsin associations. The 10 clubs belonging to the PCSTA are responsible for grooming 495.4 miles of trail in Price County.

During the October PCSTA meeting, Troy asked each club to return to their membership and inquire about how much the club could afford to give back to the PCSTA to support the Association's funding issue. A motion to give back 25% of the supplemental payment the Sno Drovers are to receive in January 2026 for work performed during the 2024-2025 season was made by Mike Ida/2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mantor. A lengthy discussion took place and included information on the cost of groomer maintenance, information about what is and is not reimbursable for non-grooming activities, the funding that is available to atv/utv clubs for work they perform in the national forest and that supplemental payments need to be spent only on trail maintenance expenses, etc. Motion carried.

Normally the PCSTA purchases a new groomer for a club every six years. It is possible that groomer purchases will not restart until 2027 depending on the funds available to do so. The Sno Drovers are next in line for a new groomer.

Peggy Kuss announced that members should purchase BOGO cards from participating establishments to support the PCSTA with their fundraiser.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **GROOMER BARN LEASE AGREEMENT**

Pat Ley reported that he and Peggy Kuss were present at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Town of Fifield. We proposed incorporating the 3% increase over the five-year term of the lease into one lump sum payment of \$250. A check was prepared and dropped at the Town of Fifield office covering the balance due including the four months of utilities, the balance due on rent and the \$250 mentioned above. The lease has not been signed by the Town of Fifield as of now, but we are hopeful that they will find our proposal acceptable and this agreement concluded.

### **KICKOFF PARTY**

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois thanked all those that volunteered to make the Kickoff Party a success.

The subject of holding back some donations for the Winter Run was also discussed. This discussion will continue at a future Board meeting.

### **WINTER RUN**

Those present at the meeting were reminded to visit the Sno Drover website and sign up for the Winter Run Bus Tour.

### **SANTA'S ELVES**

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois reminded the Sno Drovers that the Club had adopted 20 children in an effort to fulfil their Christmas wishes. Eight gift tags were taken and cash donations were received of \$306 at the Kickoff Party. The cash donation will be used to fulfill the remaining childrens' gift tags. Gifts can be dropped off with Melissa or Peggy Kuss and must be delivered no later than December 2<sup>nd</sup> to First Congregational Church located in Fifield. Santa's Elves are hard at work on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm to receive your donations.

### **AWSC WORKSHOP UPDATE**

This topic was postponed to a future meeting due to the already lengthy meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at Lena's Northern Pines. Please bring a perishable food donation to support stocking a local food pantry. A dessert to share with club members will also be appreciated.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Terry Mantor/2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Funk to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary